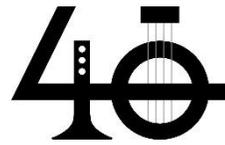


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Kicking off 40 years of music making in North Bay with an Italian concert extravaganza!

North Bay Symphony Music Director **Thomas Jones** is sure to delight as both conductor and double bass soloist in “**Basso Cantabile**” at **7:30pm on Saturday, October 22 at the Capitol Centre**. Italian arias, exciting soloist works, and Mendelssohn’s Italian Symphony open the **40th Anniversary Season** of the North Bay Symphony.

“Supporting a Symphony in North Bay for 40 years is an accomplishment the whole community can celebrate,” stated Music Director Thomas Jones, who continued by saying, “We have planned an exciting anniversary season, which opens with a concert of Italian musical favourites that the audience is sure to enjoy.” Well-loved works by Puccini and Martucci share the stage with awe inspiring pieces by Bottesini and Paganini, whose technical fireworks were written for the more flexible violin but will be expertly performed by Thomas on the double bass. Closing the concert is Mendelssohn’s 4th Symphony, described by the composer as “the happiest piece of music I have ever written.” It was inspired by his trip to Italy and has since been nicknamed the Italian Symphony.

This Italian concert extravaganza tells the story of the double bass and how it developed its voice among the great operatic music of the 19th century. And who better to be that voice than the orchestra’s own Music Director **Thomas Jones**. North Bay audiences know Thomas as the Symphony’s conductor and Music Director, a post he has held for 10 seasons, but he is also a well-respected performer on the double bass with a full calendar of soloist appearances that are enthusiastically received by audiences throughout Ontario and across Canada.

There has never been a better time to purchase a ticket to the North Bay Symphony! For the first time ever, select seats are available for only \$28 for Adults. Student tickets are \$12, and children 12 & under are free with the purchase of an Adult or Student ticket. And only for the 40th Anniversary Season, those who subscribe to the Symphony for the first time will get tickets to all 4 main series concerts for only \$87 – that’s 50% off the cost of purchasing individual tickets.

BASSO CANTABILE

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Concert Time: 7:30pm

Location: Capitol Centre

Adult: \$43 / \$28

Student (13+): \$12

Child (12 & under): FREE

with the purchase of an adult or student ticket

Tickets are available online: capitolcentre.org
by phone: 705.474.4747 or 1.888.834.4747
in person: Capitol Centre | 150 Main St E, North Bay

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The North Bay Symphony, directed by Thomas Jones, entertains, enriches, and educates the community through musical performances and music education programs. Launching its 40th season, the NBSO presents a four-concert main series and a holiday matinee at North Bay's Capitol Centre, as well as several outreach performances throughout the community. In-school music education programs annually reach over 1,200 students across the region, the Symphony String School provides violin, viola, cello, and guitar lessons to students of all ages and all abilities, and the Youth Orchestra offers ensemble learning and performing opportunities to young musicians. NBSO is a mature, vibrant, and growing not-for-profit charitable organization managed and operated by a committed and skilled volunteer Board of Directors and two part-time staff members. NBSO is the recipient of the 2013 Vida Peene Orchestra Award, a biennial award recognizing artistic and organizational excellence of an Ontario orchestra. NBSO is a proud 2015 inductee to the North Bay Musicians and Entertainers Hall of Recognition.